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New Mexico State Office
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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Dunton:

With the recent retirement of an attorney in my Office, I would like to take this opportunity to update you as to the attorneys who will be providing legal advice for various water adjudications throughout New Mexico to the Bureau of Land Management. It is our understanding that some or all of the following adjudications may implicate claims on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management.

The following is a lists of the current adjudications in New Mexico, and the attorneys responsible for providing legal advice:

United States v. A&R Productions
No. 01-cv00072 BB-ACE (D.N.M.)
(Zuni River Adjudication)

Greg Mehojah

New Mexico v. Abeyta No.
69cv07896 BB-ACE (Rio Taos
Adjudication) 69cv07939 BB-ACE
(Rio Hondo Adjudication)
(Consolidated)

Greg Mehojah

NM v. Lewis, et al, No. 20294; No.
22600 (Consolidated) – Roswell
Basin

Greg Mehojah

New Mexico v. KERR-McGee Corp.,
et al. No. CB-83-190-CV & CB-83-
220-CV (Consolidated) (Rio San Jose
adjudication)

Greg Mehojah

New Mexico v. Aadmodt No.
66cv06639 (D.N.M.)(Santa Fe River

Michael Schoessler

adjudication)

New Mexico v. Abbott No.
66cv07488-BB & 70cv8650-BB
(Consolidated) (D.N.M) (Rio Santa
Cruz/Truchas adjudication)

Michael Schoessler

New Mexico v. United States Civ.
No. 75-184 (D.C., San Juan County,
N.M.)(San Juan River adjudication)

Michael Schoessler

New Mexico v. Aragon, et al., No.
69cv07941-BB-ACE – Rio Chama
Stream System

Michael Schoessler

New Mexico v. Elephant Butte
Irrigation Dist.. No. CV-96-888
(D.C. Dona Ana County,
N.M.)(Pecos River adjudication)

Greg Mehojah

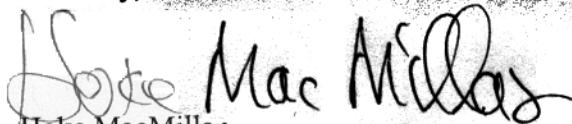
United States v. Abousleman, No.
83cv01041-MV (D.N.M.)(Rio Jemez
adjudication)

Grant Vaughn

We are not sure we have complete, current information concerning the claims filed on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management for each of the above adjudications, and would like to schedule a meeting with appropriate staff from your office in order to obtain that information. We would also like to encourage you to share this letter with your staff who are responsible for handling the adjudications, and ask them to share with us any information they may have relevant to BLM claims implicated in the adjudications.

I have asked Michael Schoessler, Greg Mehojah, or Grant Vaughn to schedule a meeting with you and appropriate staff to discuss these matters. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Hoke MacMillan
Regional Solicitor

cc: Arthur Arguedas, Santa Fe Field Solicitor